

Appl. No. 09/627,913
Amtd. Dated July 9, 2004
Reply to Office action of April 19, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 19 and 23; claims 1-7 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 9 - 19 and 21 - 25 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 9 -19 and 21 - 25 are objected to because of informalities. Again, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Applicant has canceled claims 1-7 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 9 - 19 and 21 - 25.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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